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First Named Inventor	Albert E. Johnson Wright
Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	Jennifer A. Boyd
Attorney Docket Number	G4500-007

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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant has filed the instant Request for Continued Examination of Serial No. 10/051,881, filed January 18, 2002, now pending. This is a Preliminary Amendment.

If any fees are required for this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 4 of this paper.